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# City of Seattle - University of Washington Community Advisory Committee

## **DRAFT Meeting Notes**

### **Meeting # 136**

**October 14, 2014**

**UW Tower**

**4333 Brooklyn Avenue**

**Seattle, WA 98105**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

## **Members and Alternates Present**

Matt Fox

Ashley Emery

Betty Swift

Mark Christianson

Douglas Campbell

Brett Forsaker

Jan Arntz

Jean Amick

Barbara Quinn

## **Staff and Others Present**

Steve Sheppard

Curtis Bain

John Lebo

Rob Lubin

Theresa Doherty

Troy Schlecker

Lyndsey Cameron

## **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Matt Fox opened the meeting. Brief introductions followed

## **II. Housekeeping – Approval of Agenda**

The meeting agenda was approved without changes. Mr. Fox provided amendments and changes to the meeting minutes from August and September, which include members who were present, and additions to Meeting #135. Mr. Steve Sheppard noted that he would update the minutes with the changes and will post them on the website.

Mr. Fox introduced a motion to approve the amended minutes from August to September; the Committee approved the adoption of the minutes as amended.

## **III. New Computer Science and Engineering Building Site Selection – Lyndsey Cameron**

Ms. Lyndsey Cameron of the University Office of Planning and Budgeting was recognized to make a presentation on the new computer science and engineering building site. Ms. Stated that an advisory group was formed to look at 25 different sites on the Central Campus where the academic

buildings are located. Twelve of those sites were immediately eliminated from further consideration for a variety of reasons and sites that underwent further analysis. Eleven of these were eliminated due to flaws, and three sites were rated and reviewed using established criteria. These remaining sites were 2C, 14C, and 16C. The evaluation criteria that was established were grouped in three categories: 1) location; 2) CSE program; 3) Institutional concerns.

Ms. Cameron noted that the preference was for a site located within the Central Campus and having reasonable connectivity to the Paul Allen Center to accommodate growth and cohesiveness. The site would need 130,000 gross sq. ft. Project costs includes, demolition of existing buildings, underground utilities, redirection, relocation and existing building that have historic value on the existing site.

The advisory committee is recommending a site across the street from Paul Allen Center (site 16C). The project is currently engaged in the EIS (Environment Impact Study) process to look at the site in more depth.

Considerations during further evaluation and preliminary massing studies include the character of Stevens Way, existing utilities on site, building conditions, the historic old reactor building, open space relationships, pedestrian circulation and access, bicycle and vehicle circulation, ADA accessibility, and relationships to the Burke-Gilman trail. Ms. Cameron noted that one of the major constraints on this site is a 100 ft. oil tank that exist underneath the site, thus the site location needs to be moved because of the oil tank.

The next steps are to complete the feasibility study and EIS, select an architect, initiate pre-design and request funds from the State Legislature. The pre-design phase will start next month. No funds have been raised yet as this project is still in the infancy.

Mr. Fox asked when this project would be completed. Ms. Cameron noted that this might be a four-year project. The estimated time to request, funds from the State Legislature will be around June 2015.

#### **IV. North Campus Housing Plan and Minor Plan Amendment – Jon Lebo**

Rob Lubin, Jon Lebo and Troy Stahlecker were recognized to discuss the request of the University for an amendment to the Campus Master Plan to accommodate the reconstruction of student campus on the North Campus. Mr. Lubin stated that the demand for student housing continues to increase. The University produced the Housing Master Plan in 2008 with the intention to relieve overcrowding. It has not proved entirely successful. A higher proportion of students (particularly in the sophomores and juniors class) are utilizing campus housing thus maintaining an overcrowded situation. It was determined that Hagget and McCarty should be demolished and replaced and McMahan repurposed to other uses.

The University is proposing to re-configure sites using a portion of the area adjacent to Denny Field. This will require a minor plan amendment to create a new building site. Denny Field itself is a historic site for the campus, but had fallen in lackluster times due to the site as having compromised connectivity, lack of activity and level of soil compaction due to its heavy use as collegiate and intramural field.

Primary design considerations include retention of the forest in the area, the need to accommodate 3200 beds, connectivity to the residence halls so that it be more part of the campus, sensitivity to the historic buildings, building size, sustainability and stewardship.

The project will be phased. Phase 1 will be the demolition of McCarthy Hall in 2016, and the construction of building D and C to open in July 2018. The demolition of Haggett Hall will begin in the summer of 2018 through the fall. Phase 2 will be the construction of buildings E, A, and B and it is scheduled to open by July 2020.

### **Minor Amendment Discussion**

Mr. Fox noted that University of Washington has submitted a request for a minor plan amendment to DPD (Department of Planning and Development). Mr. Sheppard mentioned that under the Major Institutions code, CUCAC serves as the master plan advisory committee for the University and will be given an opportunity to comment on the amendment request, particularly whether CUCAC considers this a major or minor amendment. Ms. Doherty mentioned that they have 45 days to discuss this issue at the next meeting.

Ms. Doherty briefly summarized the request by the University to create a new development site. The total amount of development was approved in the campus Master Plan at 3 million sq. ft. The request will exceed that amount thus, making this seem to be a minor amendment.

Mr. Sheppard noted that under the City Code and Master Plan a major amendment generally requires an increase in development standards, heights, setbacks. The current request does not appear to be requesting any changes to the development standards.

Ms. Doherty noted that an EIS was been done on the impacts of a 3 million sq. ft. plan, and the request will not add any additional impacts because the new development site will not go over 3 million sq. ft. and the request does not meet the primary and secondary impacts for a major amendment.

After brief further discussion, the Committee determined that final consideration of this issue would be deterred until the November meeting.

### **V. Life Sciences Building – Troy Stahlecker**

Steve Majeski from Research and Infrastructure introduced himself and Troy Stahlecker to present a brief overview of the Life Science Building project. The project just completed its pre-design phase and went through the University's architectural and landscape commission. The proposed site is on the Burke-Gilman trail, to the east of Kincaid and north of the Burke-Gilman trail.

The building will house the Department of Biology and is proposed for expansion in order to serve the increase student population and provide adequate space and recruitment for faculty and research. The Department of Biology currently serves about 1,800 majors and University of Washington students, and 700 graduates, and currently lacks sufficient space to accommodate demand. The new Life Science Building will include teaching facilities, offices, research space and accommodation of the greenhouses. There will be an emphasis on retaining the existing trees and connections between the proposed Life Science Building and Kincaid Hall. There was also emphasis put into place in the art zone surrounding

Stevens Way and the bus shelter in the surrounding area, and the focus was to retain the art zones and the surrounding light green trees.

The building itself will be 167,000 sq. ft. and 20,000 sq. ft. of greenhouse space will be on the site. There will be a horizontal access to Kincaid Hall. The lower floors will serve as the entrance to the building and it will be open and welcoming, the upper floors will be more secured as it will be used for department offices and research. There will be public access to the greenhouse that will be used for teaching and education for undergraduates. The adjacent Burke-Gilman Trail is currently being re-done. The project design team is coordinating with the Burke-Gilman project to exploring ways to integrate it into the building. Actual design has not yet started. It is hoped that construction can begin in 2015 and the building should be open for business on the summer of 2016.

Funding for this project is multi-faceted. The project continues to actively seek donor funds; but the funds will come from the University, Computer Science and student tuition. The whole project cost is about \$160 million.

The University will come back to CUCAC when designs are more firm.

#### **VI. New Business**

Ms. Doherty noted that major project schedules, costs, and issues are available from Jan Arntz and the CPO office.

Mr. Ashley Emery noted that the on campus Pronto installations for bicycles sometimes appear to create obstruction to the sidewalks and visual abomination in front of the Engineering library. They should have been better vetted and designed.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

No further business being before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.